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## **CLAIMS:**

1. A method for viewing changes to a shared document in one object comprising the steps of:

opening said shared document by a first particular user;

viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more onscreen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said original version of said shared document;

selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and a second particular user; and

viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared document with highlighted changes in one object, wherein said highlighted changes indicate changes made by one of said first and said second particular user with respect to said original version of said shared document.

- 2. The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of: entering a user identification associated with said first particular user; and determining whether said first particular user has permission to open said shared document based on said user identification associated with said first particular user.
- 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein upon selecting said particular onscreen symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu is displayed with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said first or said second particular user.
- 4. The method as recited in claim 3 further comprising the step of: selecting one of said one or more versions of said shared document.
- 5. The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of: editing said original version of said shared document.

1	6.	The method as recited in claim 5 further comprising the step of:
2		determining whether said first particular user has an on-screen symbol
3	associa	ted with said first particular user indicating that said first particular user has
4	edited	said shared document.
1	7.	The method as recited in claim 6, wherein if there is no on-screen symbol
2	associa	ated with said first particular user then the method further comprises the step
3	of:	
4		creating an on-screen symbol associated with said first particular user.
1	8.	The method as recited in claim 7 further comprising the step of:
2		saving changes made to said original version of said shared document in a
3	particu	lar file associated with said first particular user.
1	9.	The method as recited in claim 5 further comprising the step of:
2		saving changes made to said original version of said shared document in a
3	particu	lar file associated with said first particular user.
1	10.	The method as recited in claim 4 further comprising the step of:
2		editing said selected version of said shared document.
1	11.	The method as recited in claim 10 further comprising the step of:
2		determining whether said first particular user has an on-screen symbol
3	associa	tted with said first particular user indicating that said first particular user has
4	edited	said shared document.
1	12.	The method as recited in claim 11, wherein if there is no on-screen symbol
2	associa	tted with said first particular user then the method further comprises the step
3	of:	
4		creating an on-screen symbol association with said first particular user.

1	13.	The method as recited in claim 12 further comprising the step of:
2		saving changes made to said original version of said shared document based
3	on ch	anges made to said selected version in a particular file associated with said first
4	partic	ular user.
1	14.	The method as recited in claim 10 further comprising the step of:
2		saving changes made to said original version of said shared document based
3	on ch	anges made to said selected version in a particular file associated with said first
4	partic	ular user.

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A method for viewing changes to a shared document in one object comprising 15. the steps of:

opening said shared document by a first particular user;

viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more onscreen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said original version of said shared document;

selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and a second particular user, wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu appears with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said first or said second particular user;

selecting one of said one or more versions of said shared document; and

viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared document with a corresponding section of said selected version in one object, wherein said original version of said shared document comprises highlighted changes, wherein said highlighted changes indicate changes made by one of said first and said second particular user with respect to said original version of said shared document in said selected version of said shared document.

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16. A method for viewing changes to a shared document in one object comprising the steps of:

opening said shared document by a first particular user;

viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more onscreen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said original version of said shared document;

selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and a second particular user, wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu appears with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said first or said second particular user;

selecting one of said one or more versions of said shared document; and viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared document with highlighted words in said original version indicating words that were changed in said original version of said shared document in one object.

17. The method as recited in claim 16 further comprising the step of: selecting said highlighted words to view changes made to said highlighted words in said selected version of said shared document.

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18. A computer program product having a computer readable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon for viewing changes to a shared document in one object, comprising:

programming operable for opening said shared document by a first particular user;

programming operable for viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more on-screen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said original version of said shared document;

programming operable for selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and a second particular user; and

programming operable for viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared document with highlighted changes in one object, wherein said highlighted changes indicate changes made by one of said first and said second particular user with respect to said original version of said shared document.

- 19. The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu appears with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said first or said second particular user.
- 1 20. The computer program product as recited in claim 19 further comprises:
  2 programming operable for selecting one of said one or more versions of said
  3 shared document.
  - 21. The computer program product as recited in claim 20 further comprises: programming operable for editing said selected version of said shared document.

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1	22.	The computer program product as recited in claim 21 further comprises:
2		programming operable for saving changes made to said original version of
3	said s	shared document based on changes made to said selected version in a particular
4	file a	ssociated with said first particular user.

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23. A computer program product having a computer readable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon for viewing changes to a shared document in one object, comprising:

programming operable for opening said shared document by a first particular user;

programming operable for viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more on-screen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said original version of said shared document;

programming operable for selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and a second particular user, wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu appears with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said first or said second particular user;

programming operable for selecting one of said one or more versions of said shared document; and

programming operable for viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared document with a corresponding section of said selected version in one object, wherein said original version of said shared document comprises highlighted changes, wherein said highlighted changes indicate changes made by one of said first and said second particular user with respect to said original version of said shared document in said selected version of said shared document.

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24.	A	computer	program	product	having	a	computer	readable	medium	having
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programming operable for opening said shared document by a first particular user;

programming operable for viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more on-screen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said original version of said shared document;

programming operable for selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and a second particular user, wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu appears with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said first or said second particular user;

programming operable for selecting one of said one or more versions of said shared document; and

programming operable for viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared document with highlighted words in said original version indicating words that were changed in said original version of said shared document in one object.

25. The computer program product as recited in claim 24 further comprises:

programming operable for selecting said highlighted words to view changes made to said highlighted words in said selected version of said shared document.

	1	26.	A system, comprising:
	2		a processor;
	3		a memory unit storing a computer program operable for storing a computer
	4	progra	m operable for viewing changes to a shared document in one object; and
	5		a bus system coupling the processor to the memory, wherein the computer
	6	progra	m is operable for performing the following programming steps:
	7		opening said shared document by a first particular user;
	8		viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more
ļ	9	on-scr	een symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said
1	0	origina	al version of said shared document;
1	1		selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said
1	2	first ar	nd a second particular user; and
1	3		viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared
1	4	docum	ent with highlighted changes in one object, wherein said highlighted changes
1	5	indica	te changes made by one of said first and said second particular user with respect
1	6	to said	original version of said shared document.
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	1	27.	The system as recited in claim 26, wherein upon selecting said particular on-
	2		symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu
	3		s with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said
	4	nrst of	said second particular user.
	1	28.	The system as recited in claim 27, wherein the computer program is further
	2	operab	ele for performing the following programming step:
	3		selecting one of said one or more versions of said shared document.
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	l •	29.	The system as recited in claim 28, wherein the computer program is further
	2	operab	ele for performing the following programming step:
	3		editing said selected version of said shared document.

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l	30.	The system as recited in claim 29, wherein the computer program is further
2	operab	le for performing the following programming step:
3		saving changes made to said original version of said shared document based

on changes made to said selected version in a particular file associated with said first

particular user.

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	1	31. A system, comprising:
	2	a processor;
	3	a memory unit storing a computer program operable for storing a computer
	4	program operable for viewing changes to a shared document in one object; and
	5	a bus system coupling the processor to the memory, wherein the computer
	6	program is operable for performing the following programming steps:
	7	opening said shared document by a first particular user;
	8	viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more
=	9	on-screen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said
""	10	original version of said shared document;
Ü	11	selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said
U	12	first and a second particular user, wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen
T	13	symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu
Į	14	appears with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said
	15	first or said second particular user;
IJ	16	selecting one of said one or more versions of said shared document
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	18	viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared
	19	document with a corresponding section of said selected version in one object, wherein
	20	said original version of said shared document comprises highlighted changes, wherein
	21	said highlighted changes indicate changes made by one of said first and said second
	22	narticular user with respect to said original version of said shared document in said

selected version of said shared document.

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1	32. A system, comprising:
2	a processor;
3	a memory unit storing a computer program operable for storing a comput
4	program operable for viewing changes to a shared document in one object; and
5	a bus system coupling the processor to the memory, wherein the comput
6	program is operable for performing the following programming steps:
7	opening said shared document by a first particular user;
8	viewing an original version of said shared document with one or mo
9	on-screen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to sa
10	original version of said shared document;
11	selecting a particular on-screen symbol associated with one of sa
12	first and a second particular user, wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen
13	symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a men
14	appears with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by sa
15	first or said second particular user;
16	selecting one of said one or more versions of said shared documen
17	and
18	viewing at least a section of said original version of said share

33. The system as recited in claim 32, wherein the computer program is further operable for performing the following programming step:

document with highlighted words in said original version indicating words that were

changed in said original version of said shared document in one object.

selecting said highlighted words to view changes made to said highlighted words in said selected version of said shared document.

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1	34.	A method for displaying a document, wherein said document being accessed	
2	and cl	and changed by a plurality of users, said method comprising the steps of:	
3		assigning an indicator to a particular user of said plurality of users when said	
4	partic	particular user made changes to said document; and	
5		displaying said document with said indicator.	
1	35.	The method as recited in claim 34 further comprising the step of:	
2		associating changes made by said particular user with said indicator.	
1	36.	The method as recited in claim 35 further comprising the step of:	
2		selecting said indicator associated with said particular user, wherein upon	
3	selecting said indicator a menu is displayed with a list of one or more versions of said		
4	document authored by said particular user.		
1	37.	The method as recited in claim 36 further comprising the step of:	
2		selecting one of said one or more versions of said document authored by said	
3	particular user.		
1	38.	The method as recited in claim 37 further comprising the step of:	
2		viewing at least a section of an original version of said document with a	
3	corresponding section of said selected version of said document in one object,		
4	wherein said original version of said document comprises highlighted changes,		
5	wherein said highlighted changes indicate changes made by said particular user with		
6	respect to said original version of said document in said selected version of said		
7	document.		
1	39	The method as recited in claim 37 further comprising the step of:	

highlighted changes in one object, wherein said highlighted changes indicate changes

viewing at least a section of an original version of said document with

- 4 made by said particular user with respect to said original version of said document in
- 5 said selected version of said document.